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THE ETHER SHIP MYSTERY AND ITS SOLUTION

AN ADDENDUM *

(Prefatory Note to the Second Printing)

Several years have elapsed since the first appearance of The Ether Ship Mystery and its Solution, and during that time the phenomena described in it have continued intermittently, but on an increasing scale. Thousands of reports have accumulated, from all parts of the world, and the attitude of the public has largely changed from indifference and derision to increasing interest and concern. Official and scientific pronouncements remain nearly as sceptical and unintelligent as heretofore, but the great hope of these authorities that the visitation of the Discs would come to a natural end, thus enabling them to write off many unanswered questions, is doomed to disappointment. The visitation continues, the queries increase, and the predicament of the savants grows daily more embarrassing. Several books have appeared, and a multitude of newspaper and radio comments and magazine articles, many of them highly critical of the official attitude referred to.

It is noteworthy that out of the hundreds of thousands of words now in print on this subject, not a single explanation has been offered which (besides accepting the phenomena as factual) is adequate and intelligible from a scientific and philosophic standpoint. This is partly due to the great complexity of the data involved, partly to the conservatism and limitations of our science, largely to a childlike ignorance of metaphysical concepts, and in general to the Zeitgeist of the West, the Time-Spirit which overrides the influx of unfamiliar ideas. But it is useless to elaborate here upon this situation, which the historian of the future (if he and it should exist) will deal with in his own accents of incredulity and futile regret.

It is not beside my purpose, however, to make one exception to the fumbling ignorance of the commentators and authorities referred to; and this can be done in a completely impersonal way, since the basic interpretation of the phenomena is no wisdom or invention of my own, or of any of the Associates of the Borderland Sciences. It is the product of highly developed minds functioning on another level of consciousness, who have given us many lengthy communications during more than six years past, and

NOTE: The writer regrets the 'uncarved blocks' into which these addenda have fallen; that is, their lack of organization due to lack of time and resources. But even so, they may be more easily readable as they stand than if endowed with the qualities of skilful literary handling. And they are not designed, of course, for separate reading, but only in connection with the Ether Ship booklet referred to.

whom we have found to be honorable and highly informed persons. What we on 'this side' have done, is to study this information in its relation to contemporary speculative physics, and to certain widely accepted metaphysical ideas, in an effort to make it part way intelligible to minds accessible to it. Let me make this point as clear and emphatic as possible. What we offer is no fantasy of scientifiction, or of religion, or of any cult or School of philosophy. We do not ask credence on the score of any alleged authority. We hope only for an impartial consideration of certain ideas and data on their own merits, by persons who try to think for themselves - which means by an almost inaudible minority. We have no hope of 'educating the public' (by which we include 90 per cent of our so-called intellectuals), and gather neither reputation nor profit.

We do not assert nor imply that the information we offer is complete, final, and free from errors. On the contrary we but lift the fringe of one corner, so to speak, of the curtain of the inexplicable. Out of scores of possible questions we have half-answers for two or three. But when (as of the present) no one has any other answers at all, and when the need for them is increasing and urgent, there is an understandable sense of obligation to present the explanation we have received - plus our conviction that time will justify it.

I congratulate the Associates of the Borderland Sciences, that so many of them accepted from the first the objective validity of the phenomena of the Discs and other sky craft, and possessed not only the historical and scientific knowledge required, but also the courage to disregard a half-decade of derision and rebuffs. But this period draws fast to its end, and to a denouement of startling proportions.

I congratulate Mark Probert, whose singular gifts and selfless devotion have opened wide areas of new knowledge. His role is well understood by all Associates. One of the most brilliant historians of our century has written, " The next chapter in the history of our culture will be the story of the Light from the Other Side." If anything of this culture survive the impending debacle, his services will receive their long-deserved recognition.

If I do not elaborate here on the sources of our information, it is simply because this would introduce irrelevant and controversial issues. Irrelevant, because the ideas propounded in the Ether Ship booklet and in this Addendum must stand on their own basis, irrespective of their origin.

It is important to emphasize that the basic explanation of the true nature, origin and purpose of the flying Discs was given some six years ago, in the fall of 1946, and that although an immense amount of data (observations, reports) has since come in, none of these invalidate the original account. The complexity of the phenomena has greatly increased, but every new aspect can be approached, and to some degree understood in the light of the first explanation. This consistency will be a matter of considerable weight to anyone who makes an honest effort to evaluate the whole "etheric" interpretation.

Certain restatements and changes in phrasing, however, are now desirable, and this prefatory note is designed to cover them. The fact that our subject constantly trenches on super-physics and metaphysics - which, inextricably blent, will constitute the science of the future but is still a terra incognita for our time - should make the necessity for these restatements very obvious.

A major difficulty, and one which the Western mind probably will not be able to overcome, is the concept of the etheric regions (or worlds or 'planes'). The Ether Ship booklet makes an attempt to present this in simplified terms, and of course it should be quite acceptable, qua theory, to present-day physics. The idea of an 'infinite' series of particulate ethers of increasing density, of our own 'dense' matter as being really a rarefaction, of atoms within atoms, and the possibility that certain molecular rearrangements might negate the factor of mass or weight - these would certainly not be rejected a priori by physicists. It is simply that the practical and scientific application of these principles is still remote on our plane of existence, whereas the "Etherians" are some centuries ahead of us. And if this is true in our world of science, what can be expected of the non-scientist, the average citizen, when he is asked to believe in etheric worlds and people.

Let us say here, that the terms etheric and etherians are make - shift and indefinable, but have no satisfactory substitutes. The innumerable ethers not only 'fill' all space, but are identifiable with space. The matter of our world is itself etheric substance, which happens to be vibrating at a rate which makes it perceptible to our senses. Outside the range of our senses, colors and sounds persist. They have their spectrum - and there is a spectrum of tangibility also. Both the higher and the lower densities, or vibration rates, run on indefinitely. On or within these planes or levels or vibratory rates of the ethers lie innumerable types of existence, of objects and of living entities, of cultures and civilizations. The visible suns and planets belong to our world, to our level of ether-vibration: therefore the flying Discs do NOT come from visible celestial bodies. They come out of their own vibratory rates of the ethers, and appear in ours by a conversion of those rates. . . . Thus Etheria is not a place to be bounded, north, south, east and west. You cannot say where it is, because we are in it and part of it, along with all other things perceived by our senses. Because all the ethers interpenetrate with each other. Because here and there, near and far, are terms of our sense world. Change the vibratory rate of a thing, and it is instantly different, or it vanishes and your senses cannot track it. There is nothing novel about these reflections, except of course to metaphysical illiterates, including, unfortunately, the majority of workers in the sciences. Perhaps we can compromise with some of them by referring to the etheric doubles of the planets, to Mars-Etheria, Venus-Etheria etc. . . . Like all other so-called truths, it is a handy mental device to enable us to get along with the universe and with ourselves . . . And Berkeley and Hume and The Tailor Retailored should be compulsory for physicists

The flying Discs not only involve the concept of the ethers, but also that of the energetic character of thought, of teleportation, apportation, telekinesis, PK effects, and the manipulation of etheric matter by mental operations - in short, of a whole world of phenomena not explicitly recognized by official or 'orthodox' science. This reflection makes any genuine understanding of the disc phenomena a remote possibility indeed for our present generation.

There is reason to believe that many of the flying objects now visiting our skies come from enormous distances measureable in light years. The handy attribution to Venus and Mars (i.e., to the etheric doubles of these planets) accounts for most of the disc-shaped objects, but by no means for the many other visitors. And even here the distances are of the order of 25 and 35 million miles. The crossing of interstellar space cannot be accomplished by any means of propulsion now available to us, nor by craft built of any known material. What is believed to take place, is that the etheric matter is so manipulated by thought-energy that the magnetic fields of its molecules do not fuse, and the object (craft) so constructed becomes weightless. It offers no surface, or almost none, to the action of gravity and hence is without mass. The propulsion thrust is then derived from interaction with other etheric matter or "space".

The "crossing of space" is therefore practically timeless. That an object travelling at the speed of light becomes light itself, is held by our informants to be an erroneous doctrine. The speed of an object constructed in the way just mentioned is practically limitless and comparable only to the projection of a thought-form. A thought has duration in time, but passes to Sirius or Orion as quickly as to the tip of one's finger. And forms created by thoughts in etheric substance are substantial entities - as can now be proven by the Aurameter, a newly invented instrument in the field of radiesthesia.

References in the Ether Ship booklet to the projection or positing of ether craft within the gravitational circumambieny of our globe, by projection, teleportation, or apportation are to be understood in this modified sense. Our understanding is, that there is a temporal though almost instantaneous passage of a material object (the ether ship) thru space. The 'ship' itself is constructed of material substance - that is, of the ethers, which are exceedingly dense matter on vibratory rates which exclude them from our sense perception. When the ship reaches its desired position with reference to our planet (or any other celestial object), the operators can, if they so desire, convert the vibration rates, and hence the etheric matter, into values within our spectrum of perception - i.e., into matter which we can see and touch.

Many puzzling phenomena now begin to clear up. The 'conversion' or 'materialization' of etheric substance (more like a dematerialization from the Etherian standpoint) may be complete or in slight degree only. The result is, that the ether craft may land and be seen at very close range as substantial material objects, or may change their shape while in flight, or fade out of our vision while actually remaining stationary. If an ether ship is so far 'dematerialized' (from our standpoint) that

only its lights (caused by the play of magnetic forces) are visible, one of our planes may pass through the 'same' spot or the light, without the occupants seeing any object at all. But if the converted matter of the ether ship has a lower density it will become, for our senses, a perceptible solid and a collision will result. The seriousness of such encounter will of course depend on what we think of as the 'solidity' of the ether ship at that moment.

It is highly probable - one is tempted to say certain - that a number of unexplained air disasters have been caused by such collisions. The reported stopping of planes in mid-air, temporary failure of engines from no apparent cause and similar happenings may be effects of rays or magnetic fields generated by the ether ships.

Thus to sky phenomena of all kinds, objects of every shape seen over all countries, is to be added a considerable list of probable encounters in the air and strange experiences of near observers of landed craft. The point in connection with this, is that all these diverse facts can be subsumed under the general "etheric" concept - and cannot be understood and integrated from any other point of view. Human nature has little tolerance for the inexplicable, at least for any close contact with it; and where no easy explanation can be found we resort to derision and denials. This has been the case for years past with reference to the whole body of disc phenomena and related happenings. But when the facts persist and denials become useless, then we come to a mental impasse. This is the situation in which, after innumerable shifts and evasions, the scientism of our time finds itself. The road is closed and no detour provided. Yet the sources from which we derive the etheric concept do provide, not a detour but a wide and ancient highway, accessible to everyone with the will and desire to make use of it.

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The Ether Ship booklet speaks of the Etherian worlds as interpenetrating with our own; and this is not inconsistent with what has been said here about the origin of some of the ether craft at enormous distances in space. Apparent difficulties of this kind spring largely from ignorance of metaphysics. Scientific thinking has long tried to rule out every taint of such ideas, concentrating only upon matter, motion, and measure - ment. But the exploration of motion and matter runs at once into meta - physical concepts, and so too with that of space-time. In the "last analysis" the space which is crossed (say, from Terra to Arcfurus) is mind-stuff, or a form or category of human consciousness, as every tyro in philosophy is aware. In ordinary scientific thinking this metaphysical fact need not bother us at all. But when some one speaks to us about the instantaneous positing of a material (etheric) object at any desired distance in space, we have either to close our ears or take an unwelcome metaphysical dive. The extreme difficulty, perhaps impossibility of 'getting across' the etheric concept of the Discs to the average scientific worker, is obvious. It involves metaphysics, ultra-physics, occult physics, which is decayed caviare to most of our sapient intellectualism.

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Mystery *
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Concerning the reasons which probably induce the incursions of the Etherians, those suggested on pg. 3 of ESM hold good. There is this to be added, however: (1) the chief compelling motive was at first associated with the release of atomic energies (atom bomb tests), which tended to disrupt the ionosphere, to disturb the stress lines of the ethers and thereby cause seismic disturbances, and to seriously affect the life of certain etheric peoples. It is asserted that the whole solar system suffered from these effects in some degree (2) Through the release of the green fireballs the Etherians have largely succeeded in containing this danger by restoring near-normal conditions in the ionized zone. The result of this is, that though the fission products are doing abundant damage to our own globe, they are not now a menace to other planets (3) The chief source of anxiety to the Etherian visitors at present is the imminence of violent seismic disturbances. There is said to be a progressive disintegration of deep-lying strata, the formation of huge caverns, consequent subsidence of the surface, and a renewal of volcanic activity.

(These global changes are said to be connected with an accelerated process of cosmic expansion among the island universes. In this phase of expansion there is a development of enormous clouds of interstellar dust. The earth is sometimes caught in the backwash, so to speak, of the stellar movements and in the dust clouds themselves, which sometimes obscure the sunlight completely and give a series of "dark days." Several dark days occurred in the N.E. United States during the last century - invariably "explained" by "forest fires in Canada." etc.)

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On the matter referred to in the note on pg.12, ESM.: As already stated, our informants do not accept the thesis that the speed of light is a maximum, but hold that (theoretically) any speed is obtainable by a weightless body the molecules of which enter into a rapport with the omnipresent ethers. Compare the suggestions of John A. Hilliard, pg. 17 ff. of ESM. We are also told that space travel beyond the ionosphere will be impossible for us until we can find some method of altering the molecular structure of one of our lighter metals. As matters now stand, any craft passing beyond the ionized belt which acts as a shield against cosmic radiation would require a lead shield some 15 feet in thickness; otherwise the radiation would be fatal to human occupants.

The difficulty of space travel is not that of distance or speed, but (1) that of negating gravity or weight (2) That of protection against the cosmic radiation. Cp. the statement on a following page by Ramond Natalli, quoted from Round Robin viii-3, Sept.-Oct. 1952.

Cosmic Rays
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It is known that cosmic ray ionization varies with the latitude, and Pierre Auger asserts that 'this fact is conclusive in favor of the corpuscular and electrically charged nature of the primary cosmic radiation; they are not waves or photons (most of them). A plus charge predominates on them before they enter the atmosphere. . . All cosmic ray particles ar-

rive at the poles, no matter how feeble their energy. Their speed is so great that the energy of the particle may exceed 1.5×10^{10} electron volts.' Auger also asserts that the cosmic rays do not come from the sun or from the Milky Way. (v. What Are Cosmic Rays: Pierre Auger).

Our information is, that the cosmic rays are very short waves moving spasmodically, as quanta, and that they do emanate from the sun but not from our sun only, but from all the innumerable suns throughout the infinity of ether-space. The computed energy in electron-volts bears out the statement about the "15 feet of lead" and the fatal effect of radiation beyond the ionosphere. These rays do concentrate toward the poles. Fission products do the same thing. The lines of force can be drawn like a triangle, from the sun to the north and south poles. The sun spots are to be reckoned with in this - the more sun spots the greater the influx of the Discs. They are put into motion by the electro-magnetic flow. . . There are lines of force running between the positive and negative poles, usually in parallel lines. The discs act like magnets which pull upon these lines of force and cause them to arc.'

'A great influx of the Discs may be expected in 1953. They will come from the north and south, from over Canada and Mexico - but really from the N and S polar regions.'

So far, for recent comments by Ramond Natalli, (astronomer). *

Elaborate attempts are being made to study the variations in Disc sightings in connection with the conjunctions and oppositions of Venus and Mars (v. Saucer Review, E. Rockmore, N.Y. - & BSRA Hdqrs.) In view of the information given in the last two paragraphs above it may prove more profitable to correlate them with sun spot activity.

Visitations similar to the present one have occurred many times in the past. The recent book by Arnold & Palmer (Coming of the Saucers) lists a large number of such incidents. Others are to be found in the works of Charles Fort, they have been summarized in magazine articles, and the most elementary historical knowledge would have prevented hundreds of ridiculous conjectures and 'explanations'. The reasons for the incursions have been various, including a scientific study of our globe and its inhabitants, and it may be taken as a certainty (though not at the moment provable) that landings have been made and contact establish-

* (It may be of interest here to recall earlier remarks by R.N. 'The cosmic rays have both good and evil aspects. The gases that emanate from the sun turn into what you call cosmic rays. All bodies give off emanations. Some of the energies that make up the cosmic ray dry up the tissues of the body faster than the glands can secrete... Cosmic ray particles are definitely electronic in nature. Effects on people depend wholly on the physical and psychical constitution of the person concerned... There is NO vertebrate or animal life on Mars, only a low form of vegetation. There is intelligent life on some of the dark stars and some planets, but these beings are very different from you, and much larger in size... Mental contact with them has been made - and by projection also ...

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ed with earth people. At present, however, there is probably no good reason for such contact, since the Etherians have nothing to learn from us, and our attitude toward them has been one of fear, suspicion, and hostility. Our cultural status has fallen to such a level (of one world war after another) that we may well seem past redemption and best left to the harvest of our own stupidities. If enlightened groups of men of good will could be found, who also possessed a degree of public influence and repute, possibly some kind of contact with the Etherians could be established - but of this there seems no present hope whatever.

It is a familiar doctrine among occultists, that all celestial bodies, including our earth, have their Guardians - and that the Guardians are Etherians (having in mind the flexible and indefinite meaning of that term). One may conjecture in such case, that the Etherian visitors may feel an interest in us, which if not sympathetic is at least proprietary, or at least in line of duty as of adults toward wilful children.

It is probable that small discs and some other types of craft can be operated by remote control, sourced in mother ships hovering overhead, and objects believed to be such ships have been photographed. As to the "little men" who have been reliably reported, it should be remembered that they may be and probably are of much larger stature in their own worlds. Their bodies are of etheric substance which is susceptible to the play of thought-energy, and hence can be made of any size most convenient at the moment.

The wide-spread disturbance in the ethers, and hence in the substance of our own planet, is evidenced in many ways besides the inroads of the Discs. Aerial concussions, for example, as well as violent explosions on or close to the earth's surface, have been reported from many places throughout the world, and nearly always without any credible explanation for them. They are often due to what may be described figuratively as displacement of etheric strata, which bend like huge sheets of steel with enormous crepitations. Prior to an earthquake (which is usually an etherquake in its origins) vast vortexes form in the ethers, one in contact with the earth at its apex, the other descending into it from above. It is mainly by observing these that entities on the etheric are able to predict seismic disturbances. They are visible to incarnate humans also, and even to some psychic sensitives and clairvoyants. Effects of earthquakes on magnetic instruments, as well as those of sunspots are generally known. But comparatively little is known about magnetism, or for that matter about the true nature of electricity. Our point is simply that a multitude of phenomena tie in together as rooted in the incredible properties of the ethers, and that aerial concussions, quakes, fireballs, and the visitation of the Discs are in a sense to be referred to this common source.

Information so far available indicates that the Etherians have exerted themselves in our behalf, as well as in their own, particularly

by sending forth the green fireballs which serve as 'wipers' against the products of atomic fission. The determination of our Government, however, as well as that of England, to proceed with still more elaborate atomic explosion tests in the Pacific (possibly the hydrogen bomb) may well make our visitors despair of any real service to us. Whether they will eventually simply withdraw from the earth's vicinity, or will intervene in some way, remains to be seen. Their point of view and ethical values are not likely to coincide with ours.

There are many ways in which effectual intervention might take place, without at all being recognized as such. They might, as has been suggested, precipitate seismic disasters of great magnitude, by 'triggering' unstable geological conditions, thus giving earthians something to think about besides mutual destruction. They might find it best, in the general interest, to deal with key men, key industries and key inventions, in which case a series of remarkable yet natural-seeming accidents might remove the obstacles. Explosions, fires, freak storms, disasters to air and surface transport - all such data should from now on be carefully studied and mapped for pattern outlines. Sabotage is an ever-present danger, but we should not be blind to other possibilities also, however fantastic they may seem - if we desire truth more than facile explanations. Outbreaks of disease, especially of a novel type, and if contagious or epidemic in nature, should be watched with great care. They might be due to the atomic explosions - or our visitors might think them preferable to other misfortunes as a means of distracting mankind from aggression. All must depend on the condition of our globe, and of earth affairs and human activities as these appear to supermundane inspection.

Though the above reflections may appear fantastic, they are pointed up by the emergence of the third active volcano in the Pacific, the destruction of practically all air base facilities on Wake Island, and the loss of an entire flight of seven Jets over Korea. The Wake disaster in particular should be considered with reference to the proposed atom bomb (and hydrogen bomb?) tests, by both the United States and England, in the near future - and in the South Pacific. One of our Associates, a physicist (E.S.S.) writes us: "We should consider that the NEED for disasters is now very evident and urgent. The time is ripe to the point of being overdue. It is the only thing that will bring arrogant officialdom and their dupes to their senses ... Such means can and probably will prevent an atomic war, if so, it would be a great bargain..."

Although such comments are jeeringly dismissed by our pseudoscience as mere superstition, a great amount of data, as well as of occult teaching indicates that all weather phenomena as well as seismic conditions are subject to the control of Intelligences - so that the "Etheric Guardians of the Earth" should not be ignored. . . And it is well to remember that a "coincidence" is not an explanation, but rather something which needs to be explained. ... Oppressed as we are by our own ignorance, it is still necessary to answer most of our critics with a mild discourtesy: "What you need is not an answer but an education."

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Once again I quote the astronomer Ramond Natalli: "Whether we like to accept the fact or not, the chemical substances used in most of the 'saucers' are of such soft metals that you would consider them impossible to use. They consist mostly of aluminum, copper, and magnesium, with plenty of room for expansion left over in their electronic fields for heat created in them when they come into your atmosphere.

"The balls or discs of light, sometimes only a few inches in diameter, consist of 99% aluminum, with 1% of copper in very ionized form. These are used as a rule as photo plates, that televise their pictures back to the mother ship that gave them birth, and are later destroyed or disintegrated. The large green fireballs are ionized copper, and are exploded in your atmosphere to absorb the radiations created by your atomic bombs. These radiations drift toward the north magnetic pole, and most of the green fireballs originate in the northern skies.

"We say to you that the phenomena you are now witnessing have their life and being in other space-time dimensions. On certain occasions their field of motion is brought down to correspond with yours. This idea is so unconventional to you that you call it fantastic. Yet your earth and all the untold universes with endless billions of bodies came out of other space-time states. They appeared first in your dimension as a point, then as a series of points making a line, then as a series of lines making a surface. Due to the new form of motion they appeared as heat energy at first. This is the way the things you call discs or saucers first enter your three-dimensional state. That is why they are often seen as balls of pure white light, often running through the entire color prism. Later as they slow up their motion they become as solids to your world; but the alignment of their molecular structure makes them electromagnetic and subject to the magnetic poles of the earth - which are controlled by the electromagnetic flow from the sun." **

(Round Robin viii-3, Sept.-Oct. '52. pg.3)
(Art. by Ramond Natalli.

** Natalli has asserted on another occasion, that the great "rays" or energy streams which engulf the north and south magnetic poles of the earth are themselves about a million miles in breadth. The earth itself, apart from these magnetic streams, is said to have only a feeble magnetism. (R.N.). It may be found in time that the apparent fission in this energy-stream is produced by the presence of the earth and its polarizing action. All this is deeply related to the Disc phenomena, since these in some sense ride the magnetic meridians. Graphs made for the BSRA four years ago strongly suggested this idea; the flight lines of the discs entered from western Mexico, ran N. & S. over the Pacific coast, then bent easterly over Canada. (ml).

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